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STATUS OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of each of the National Irrigation Projects, project-wise;

(b) the funds allocated/released for each project during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government to get these projects completed within the stipulated time period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Of the 14 projects declared as National Projects, 3 projects namely Gosikhurd Project of Maharashtra, Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal and Shahpur Kandi project of Punjab are ongoing under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. Other projects are yet to be taken up by the State Governments.

(b) The funding from Union Government for National Projects commenced after issue of guidelines for implementation of scheme of national projects on 26th February, 2009 by the Ministry of Water Resources. During 2008-09, release proposal under the scheme of National Projects was received in respect of Gosikhurd Project of Maharashtra and accordingly, grant amounting to Rs.450 crore has been released for the project under AIBP in March 2009. For the year 2009-10, ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission for National Projects is Rs.800 crore.

(c) Irrigation and drinking water supply are state`s subjects and planning, execution and funding of these projects is within the purview of the concerned State Governments. The Union Government has launched the scheme of implementation of national projects only to assist state government in expeditious completion of the projects of national importance.